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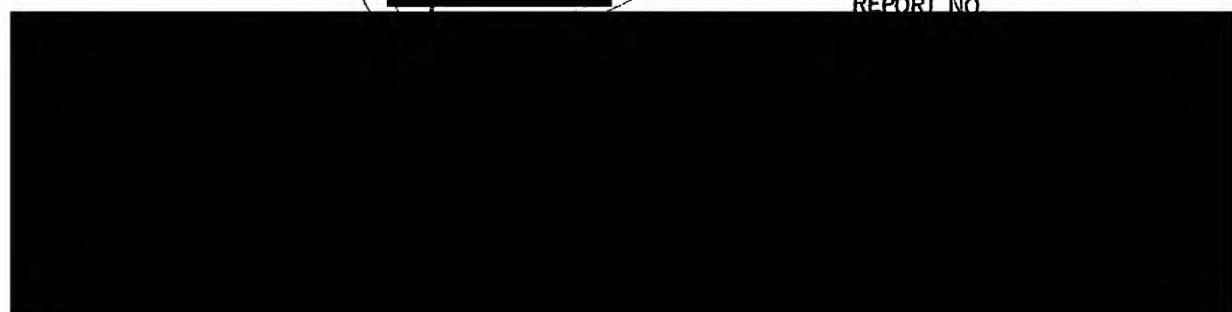
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1. From January 1948 to April 1948 the railroads in North Manchuria were operated jointly by the Chinese Communist and Soviet authorities. The senior Soviet 155.2-414/C adviser to the Harbin Railway Bureau is A. P. Iyergin, who was formerly with 155.4-414/C the Voroshilov Railway Administration Bureau.
2. By the end of February 1948 the railroad from Voroshilov (131-55, 43-47) to Matsiyevskaya (117-17, 49-43) had been converted from standard gauge to wide gauge (five feet). This line runs via Mutanchiang (129-37, 44-35), Harbin and Manchouli (117-27, 49-36).
3. By the end of March 1948 the railroad from Harbin through Suihua (126-58, 46-38) to Chiamussu (130-21, 46-49) had been changed from standard to wide gauge.

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4. The railroad between Chiamussu and Hulin (133-38, 45-59) is being changed from standard gauge to wide gauge.
5. Trains are now being operated by the Chinese Communist and Soviet authorities over the following standard gauge lines:
- Tumen (129-49, 42-58) to Mutanchiang to Chiamussu
 - Mutanchiang to Linkou (130-16, 45-17) to Hulin to Iman (133-40, 45-55)
 - Harbin to Lafa (127-17, 43-51)
 - Lafa to Kirin, now being repaired
 - Kirin to Chiutai (125-50, 44-08)
 - Liaoyuan (123-30, 43-30) to Tungliao (122-14, 43-38) to Changwu (122-29, 42-23)
 - Tsitsihar (123-57, 47-22) to Liaoyuan to Sanchiangkou (122-43, 43-22)
 - Paichengtzu (122-52, 45-37) to Wangyehmiao (122-01, 46-05)
 - Ssupingchiesh (124-22, 43-11) to Heian (125-09, 42-54) to Meihokou (125-41, 42-32) to Tunghua (125-57, 41-41); this line may not be operating all the way
 - Tsitsihar to Heiho (127-31, 50-15) by way of Ningnien (124-27, 47-47) and Peian (126-34, 48-16)

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